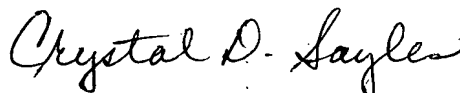


**Remarks**

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-31 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 3-31 have been added. These changes are believed to be fully supported by the specification and are not believed to introduce new matter. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the amendment be entered by the Examiner. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

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***In the Claims:***

Please substitute the following claim 1 for the pending claim 1:

1. (Amended) A method for configuring a stochastic simulation model, comprising the steps  
of:  
(a[.]) creating an arbitrarily complex functional expression from a library of functional  
expression components; and  
(b[.]) creating an adaptor object;  
wherein [said] the adapter object serves as an intermediary between [said] the arbitrarily  
complex functional expression and a target domain object within the stochastic simulation model  
so as to modify a property of [said] the target domain object in accordance with [said] the  
arbitrarily complex functional expression at runtime.

Claims 3-31 have been added.